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DRETUN ARMY TRAINING AREA

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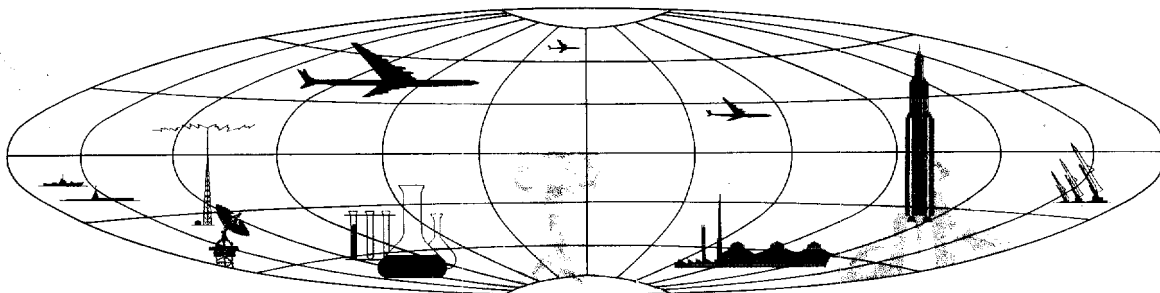


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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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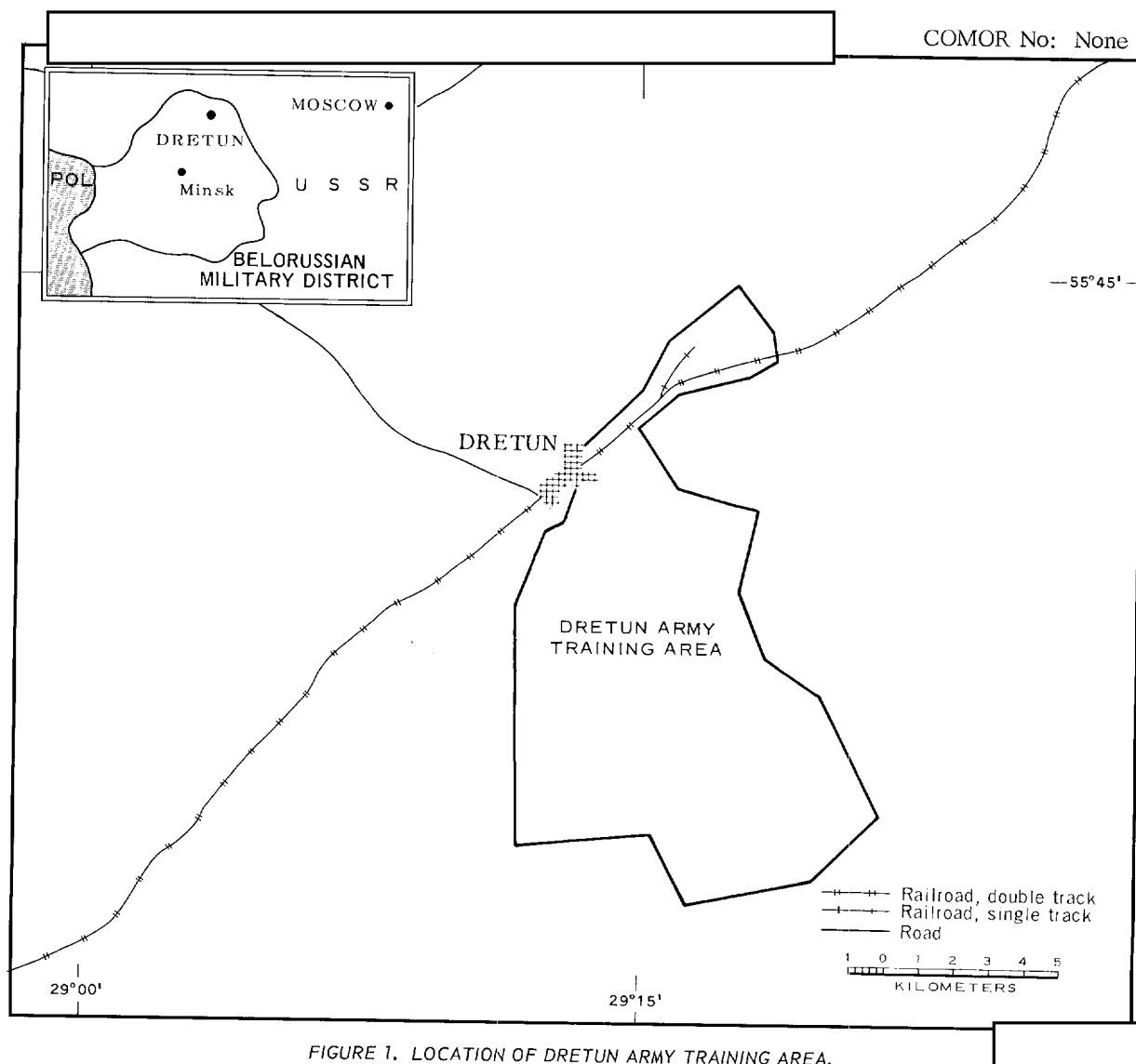
DRETUN ARMY TRAINING AREA

(55-38N 029-15E)

DRETUN, VITEBSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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SUMMARY

Dretun Army Training Area is located primarily southeast of Dretun (55-42N 029-13E) on both sides of the Polotsk-Nevel rail line (Figure 1). The installation is served by spurs from the Polotsk-Nevel rail line and has probable all-weather road connections to the Borkovichi-Nevel highway. Polotsk Army Barracks (AL-2) is located 30 km to the southwest and has a secondary road connection to the training area.

This training area (Figure 2) covers approximately 21,500 acres and includes two support areas with two probable administration buildings, five barracks, 16 storage and six

support buildings, two bivouac areas, and a possibly secured storage area with 10 unrevetted buildings. Training facilities include two moving-target tank/assault gun firing ranges, one tracked-vehicle driver-training course, a wheeled/tracked-vehicle driver-training area, and a probable combined-arms field training area.

The area is covered by [redacted] missions [redacted]

Comparative analysis revealed the same general level of usage in summer and reduced activity during the winter months. The size of the training area has not changed [redacted]

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

The installation is served by two single-track rail spurs. One serves the storage area just north of the main rail line. There is a five-track rail yard in Dretun.

Road Service

There are secondary road connections with Dretun and the Borkovichi-Nevel highway.

Aircraft Landing Strip

A 4,000- by 2,500-foot sod landing area, Area C, is just west of the training area.

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 contains one probable administration building, four barracks, seven small storage buildings, and three support buildings.

Area D2 contains one probable administration building, one barracks, five storage buildings, and three support buildings.

Track activity indicates probable occupancy of all buildings. The level of track activity has remained constant in both areas.

General Storage Areas

Area E contains 10 small unrevetted storage buildings. It is a possibly secured area and has an adjacent associated support area. Both areas are served by a single-track rail spur.

Other Buildings

Area H, 1.4 km north of the tank/assault-gun firing ranges, contains four storage buildings which appear to be in direct support of the ranges.

Driver Training Areas

Area M1 is an irregular-shaped, 23,000-by 5,300-foot wheeled/tracked-vehicle driver-training course along the eastern perimeter of the training area.

Area M2 is an irregular-shaped, closed-circuit tracked-vehicle driver-training course first observed on [redacted] photography.

The level of usage has remained consistently heavy on both courses except during winter months.

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Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Ranges

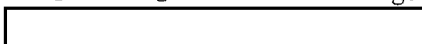
Area N1 is a 4,600-foot* tank/assault-gun firing range with nine 2,500-foot firing lanes and three moving target runs--one 60 degrees right, one 90 degrees right, and one 40 degrees left.** An impact area, 17,000 feet from the static firing line, was first observed



*Maximum distance from the static firing line to the moving target runs or impact area.

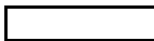
**The angle formed by the target run and a perpendicular line from the static firing line to the target run at the control house position.

Area N2 is a 3,100-foot tank/assault-gun firing range with five firing points and three moving targets runs, two 45 degrees left and one 60 degrees right. Two of the targets were added



Infantry or Combined-Arms Field Training Area

Area R is an irregular-shaped area measuring 4,500- by 3,000 feet with extensive vehicle trackage and ground scarring. First observed on

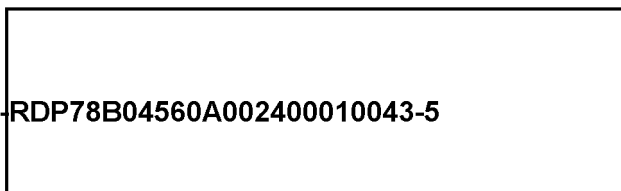


photography, it is probably a combined-arms training area.

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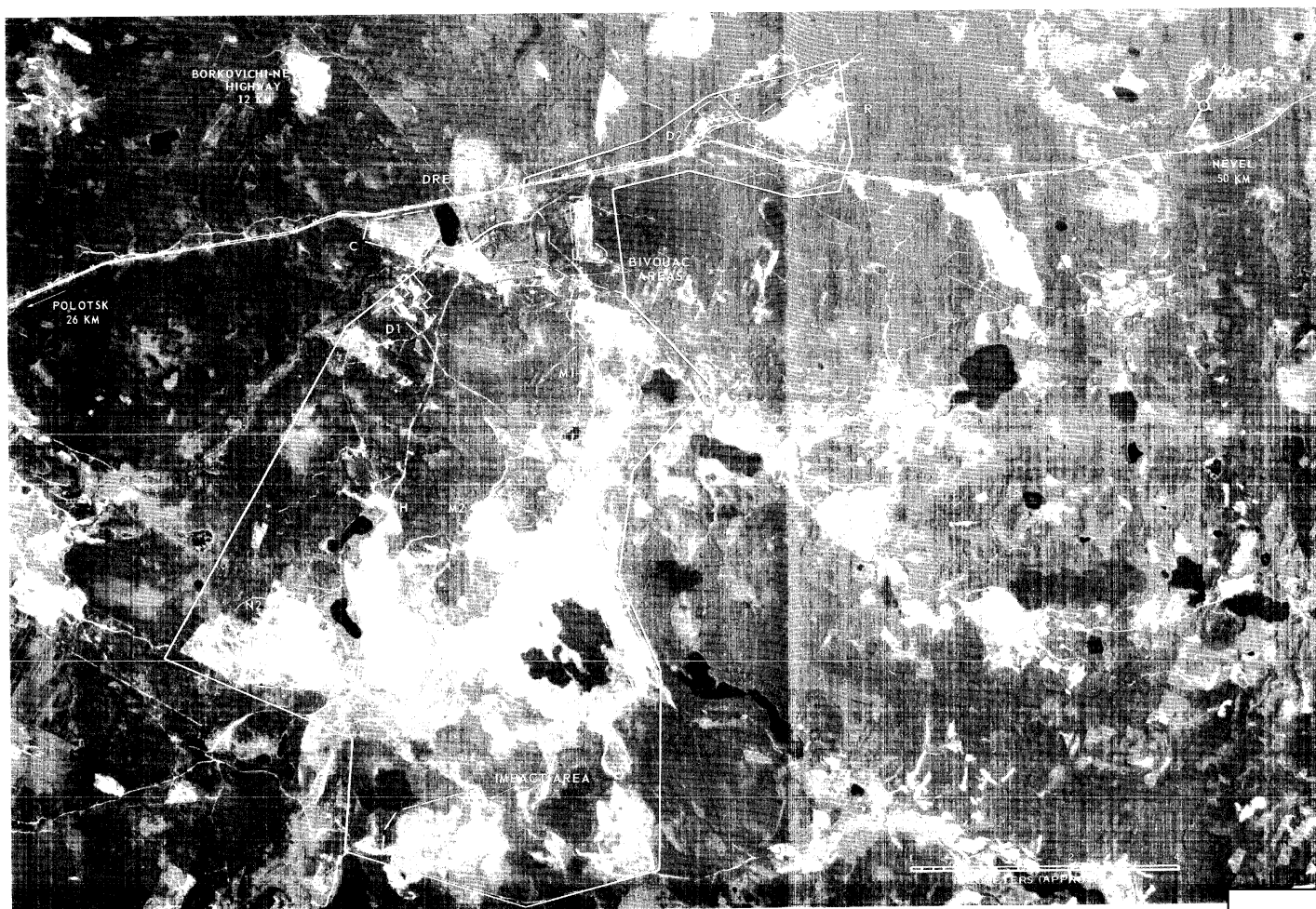


FIGURE 2. DRETUN ARMY TRAINING AREA, DRETUN, USSR

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